

# The New Public Sphere: New Directions in Media 1939

The New Public Sphere: New Directions in Media 1939 was a conference held in New York City on October 20-22, 1939. The conference brought together leading intellectuals, journalists, and artists to discuss the impact of new media technologies on the public sphere.



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The conference was organized by the American Council on Public Affairs, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting democracy and civic engagement. The conference was also supported by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The conference was a major event in the history of media studies. It was one of the first conferences to focus on the impact of new media technologies on the public sphere. The conference also helped to establish the field of media studies as a legitimate academic discipline.

## Participants

The conference brought together a diverse group of participants, including:

- **John Dewey**, philosopher and educational reformer
- **Harold Lasswell**, political scientist and communication theorist
- **Walter Lippmann**, journalist and public intellectual
- **Robert Lynd**, sociologist and author
- **Margaret Mead**, anthropologist and author
- **Lewis Mumford**, architectural critic and urban planner
- **Reinhold Niebuhr**, theologian and ethicist
- **Paul Tillich**, theologian and philosopher

## Themes

The conference explored a wide range of themes, including:

- The impact of new media technologies on the public sphere
- The role of the mass media in a democracy
- The future of the public sphere

## Impact

The New Public Sphere: New Directions in Media 1939 was a landmark event in the history of media studies. The conference helped to establish the field of media studies as a legitimate academic discipline. The conference also helped to raise awareness of the impact of new media technologies on the public sphere.

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